

ALL SAINTS NEWS

9th February 2025
4th Sunday before Lent

Bishop of Bristol announces retirement

Retirement of The Rt Revd Vivienne Faull, Bishop of Bristol The Rt Revd Vivienne Faull, by kind permission of the King, will retire as Bishop of Bristol on 1 September 2025. The Archbishop of York granted Bishop Viv permission to remain in office after her 70th birthday in May, to ordain new Deacons and Priests in the summer.



Bishop Viv was enthroned as the 56th Bishop of Bristol at Bristol Cathedral on 20 October 2018, having previously served as the Dean of York. As Bishop of Bristol, she has provided episcopal guidance to parishes across Bristol, Swindon, South Gloucestershire, and North Wiltshire. In addition, she has been a member of the House of Lords and, since 2021, one of the lead bishops for church and cathedral buildings and a Church Commissioner.

Bishop Viv said: “After 42 years in full-time ministry as Deaconess, Deacon, Priest and Bishop, the time has come for a rest. I have revelled in each of the places and communities to which God has called me and have been enriched by them all.

“My seven years in Bristol, where my mother — a great campaigner for the ordination of women — was born, baptised and confirmed, has been a beautiful coda, and I will leave this generous, creative, brave and open diocese with deep gratitude for all that, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we have learnt and transformed together.

“May Christ bless and keep us now and in our pilgrimages ahead.”

There will be an opportunity to say farewell to Bishop Viv at a special service held at Bristol Cathedral at 3.00pm on Saturday, 30 August 2025, to which all are welcome.

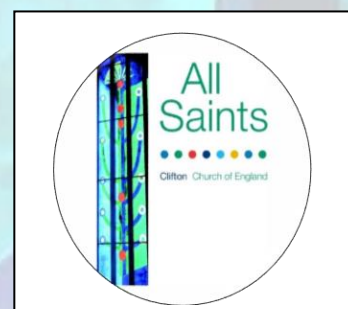
Following Bishop Viv’s announcement, the process of identifying the next Bishop of Bristol will begin, in consultation with parishes and other groups from across the diocese.

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Healing Ministry at All Saints: An Opportunity ...

Christian healing ministry is as old as the Church itself, practised down the centuries in many different contexts and situations from the New Testament onwards, always with Christ at the centre, always in his name, and always concerned with *wholeness*, not solely with the restoration of healthy bodies. The spiritual, mental and physical aspects of healing for Christians are inextricably linked and complementary. In our Catholic tradition especially, we see it as sacramental in its widest sense – an outward and visible sign bringing an inward blessing - its purpose being initiating and maintaining our souls in wholeness. In bestowing this ministry, the Church is bearing witness to what Christ himself instituted in his earthly ministry and commissioned his disciples (which includes ourselves) to continue after his death, resurrection and ascension. Our regular prayers for the sick and those in need is one of the ways we do this.

Here at All Saints we are going to extend this ministry we already practise to include a further opportunity, that of receiving Laying-on-of-hands and Anointing at the Sunday Parish Mass. It will take place monthly, to begin with, during the distribution of Holy Communion. During this time there will be members of the Ministry Team available in the space beneath the balcony by the banner case for any wishing to come. Many people will have received this before and know of its benefits; for others it will be a new experience. It's worth adding here that it is in no way intended to be an alternative to medical treatment. It may be requested for oneself or for someone else. Any who wish may quietly tell the team members a little about the condition or person needing prayer, but equally some may simply present themselves without words.



Laying-on-of-hands is done on the head or shoulders; anointing is done on the palms of each hand and on the forehead. The ministers will pray silently awhile during this time, and may finish with a spoken prayer, such as these

(Laying-on-of-hands) *In the name of God and trusting in his might alone, receive Christ's healing touch to make you whole. May Christ bring you wholeness of body, mind and spirit, deliver you from every evil, and give you his peace.*

(Anointing) *I anoint you in the name of God who gives you life. Receive Christ's forgiveness, his healing and his love. May the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ grant you the riches of his grace, his wholeness and his peace.*

Although this will be done during worship in view of the congregation, it is also private between the ministers and the person coming forward. However, the prayers of everyone gathered are of immense importance and comfort to all concerned, so each person's involvement in that way is sought. Be assured the ministers are committed to prayer and preparation for their ministry, that they may be worthy channels, that God will draw those he wishes to come. They are also pledged to absolute confidentiality.

One or two further things to consider. Prayerful preparation is desirable before receiving, though lack of it should never be a stumbling block where a need is felt. The openness to the gift of healing needs to continue afterwards in private prayer. We should keep in mind always that God heals as he wills, which may be at variance with our own desires, though not necessarily. We shall likely come to realise that God's answer far exceeds our greatest longing.

The first opportunity for this healing ministry will happen on 23rd February, with further dates planned for 23rd March and 26th April. Meantime, please pray for the blessing and development of this important work, for all who seek Christ's healing through it and all who offer themselves to give it in his name. If you have questions or concerns, please talk to a member of the Ministry Team.

A prayer for those offering healing:

Heavenly Father and everlasting God, anointed by your Spirit, your Son Our Lord Jesus Christ preached the gospel and healed the sick. Fill these your servants who believe in your word with the Holy Spirit. Empower them for your service. Pour upon them your Spirit of love and joy and peace. Anoint them with the Spirit of Jesus, in whom alone we find both healing and salvation, and in whose name we ask. Amen

For more information, the Church of England website has a Theological Introduction on its Wholeness and Healing page which is worth reading:

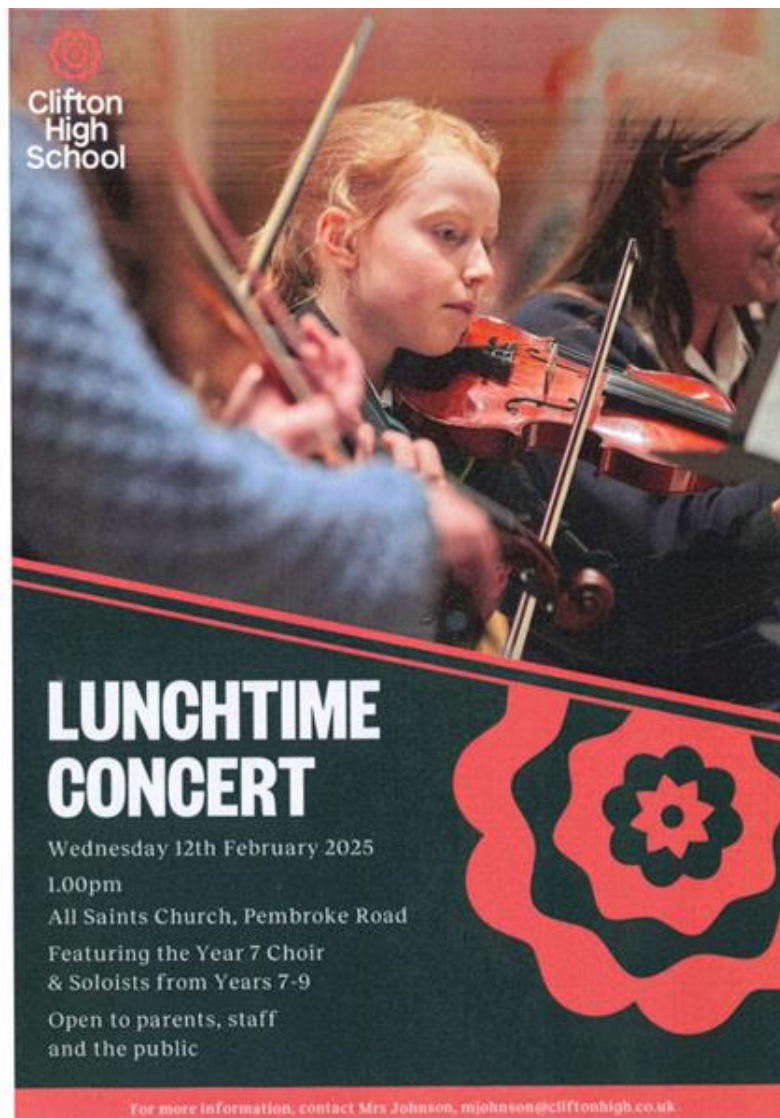
[Wholeness and Healing | The Church of England](#)

Lent 2025 at All Saints

This year there will be a number of Lenten activities and events on offer. These will include:

- ★ **Lectio Divina** in Richard Chapel (on Wednesdays in Lent at 3.00pm)
- ★ **Sermon Sequence** (Sunday sermon and Discussion) Five sermons on the Nicene Creed
- ★ Individual Prayer and Reflection through the USPG Study Guides and Reflections on the **Nicene Creed**
- ★ **Lent Quiet Day** at the Cathedral (Saturday 15 March) – Meditation on the Seven Last Words
- ★ **Churches Together Lenten Conversations**
- ★ **Guest Preacher.** On Sunday 23 March we will welcome the Methodist Superintendent, the Revd Prof Teddy Kalongo, to join us in worship and preach.
- ★ **Stations of the Cross** prior to and during Passiontide (Friday at 6.00pm)
- ★ **Holy Week** – Led by Revd Canon Jonnie Parkin

Additional information on these coming in the next few editions of the ASC News.



ASC Walks. Everyone, and their dog welcome

Saturday February 8th



Mary Benton will lead us on a Brunel Tour - some of his iconic buildings.

Leave at 10:45 from outside All Saints Church.

The walk will end up at Temple Meads Station and suggested return is by train/bus to Clifton Down or bus (8) back to the Church.

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All Saints



Clifton Church of England



Fundraising Parish Lunch Sunday 23rd February @ 12.30pm

Join us in the Randall Room after Parish Mass for a

Fundraising Sudanese-themed Parish Lunch

All proceeds to go towards supporting the education of our
Sudanese students

A delicious home-cooked Sudanese-themed buffet
Including vegetarian and vegan options (GF can be accommodated if requested in advance)



Cash Bar & RAFFLE



Tickets £10

On sale in church from Sunday 2nd February

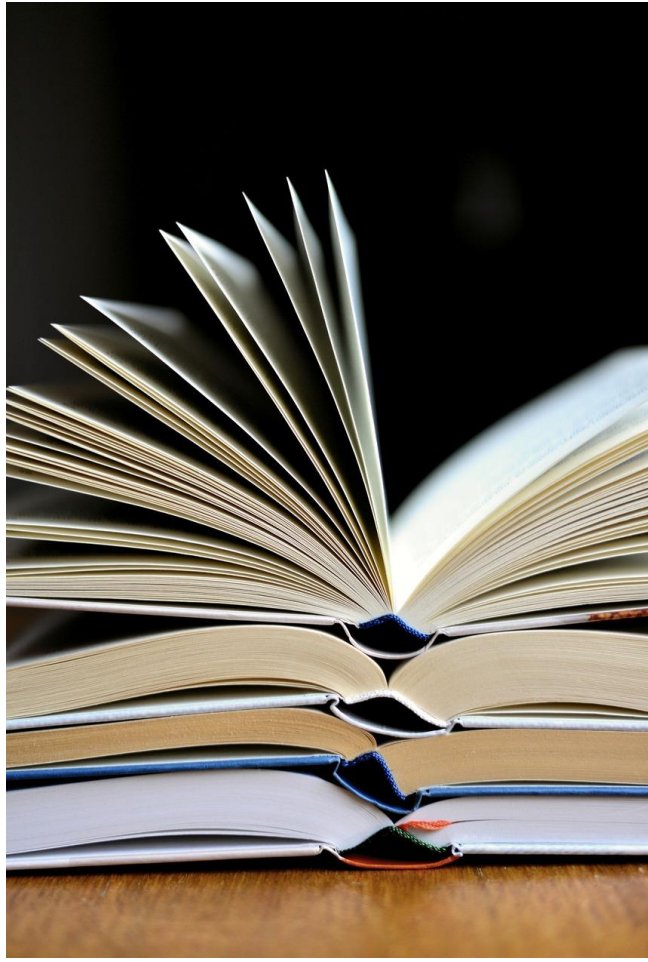
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Please bring along any raffle prizes for the Fundraising Lunch on the day, or hand in to the Parish Office in advance.

If you're unable to attend on the 23rd, then you can make a separate donation via the donation envelopes in church, clearly writing 'Sudanese Students' on the envelope, together with the amount of your donation and drop into the donations' box in the church porch.

You can also pay via the card reader, again marking up an empty envelope accordingly



All Saints Book Group

Wed 26th Feb, Wed 23rd April and
Wed 25th June
7-9 pm
in the Sacristy

Join us for our bi-monthly book group
in the Sacristy of All Saints.
Every other month, a new book –
bringing readers together for lively
discussions and great company!

The first book is –
The Nine Tailors by Dorothy L. Sayers.



Congratulations to Sandy Gale who recently
graduated as Doctor of Philosophy from Bristol
University

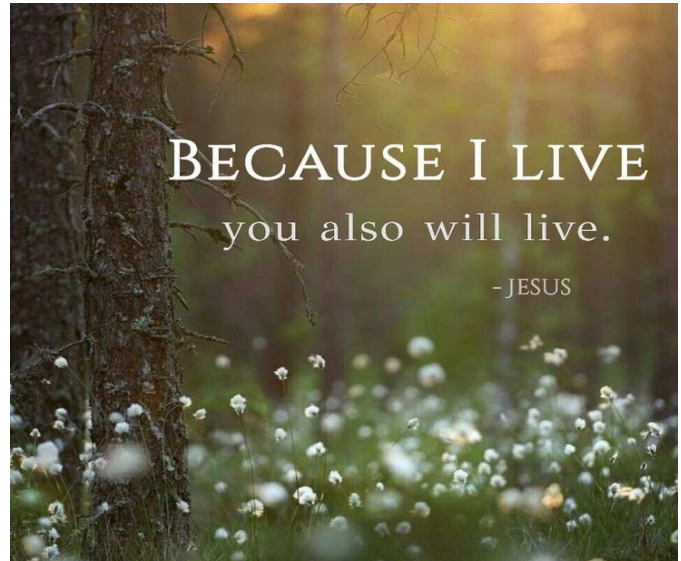
Her research title is : 'What do Middle English
sermons reveal about prayer - the most elusive
yet widespread ritual of the Middle Ages?'

Prayers Requests

'In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.'

(John 14: 19).

Please let Fr Charles know of anyone who would like to be remembered within the weekly prayer list or anyone who you would like to be remembered in prayer.



Those of the parish and our hearts whom we remember in our Prayers:

Sunday

Tabitha Clark, Ruth and Richard Harding, Katie Norman, Neal Gordon, Joyce Shepherd, Cynthia Ashford Elisabeth Morgan Sathia Aruliah Jean Detheridge Jack O'Sullivan and family Susie King Arthur Cleaver Sebastian Kloss Vyard Angel Wray Nic Epinay Oussama and Claire Sader Sarah James Cooper Jean Bradford

Monday

Sue Hilliar Hugh Farry

Tuesday.

Ryan Lindsey George Lympelopoulos Pam Parker

Wednesday

Katrina and Katherine King, Philip Miles, Diana Verity, Samantha Tucker, Maureen Mumford Zoe Punyer

Thursday

Steve Cooper Barbera Freeman Remi Clarke

Friday

Charlotte Hopkins, Caroline Semon, Nicole Kaneza Nadine Benn John Badman

Saturday

The Departed

Stephen Jordon Maureen Badman Philip Goodfellow

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

John Bounds Patricia Spry Rani Kingman Mary Andrews Constance Kemp

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 10	Wardrobe Day. What's in your wardrobe that could easily go out to either clothe others or provide income for charity retail outlets? Pray for those whose level of income is such that they have to choose between being warm and eating, or even who it is that can eat...
Tue 11	Give thanks for good neighbours; remember our neighbours and those who live in our immediate community. Pray that we may be good neighbours – keeping an eye of care out for those who live around us.
Wed 12	Mass 10.00am Pray for academic and commercial chemists; those working in chemistry research and the practical application of knowledge. Our university School of Chemistry – staff and students (Periodic Table Day) . Also for the pharmaceutical companies that develop and distribute drugs for the good of humankind – including veterinary products.
Thurs 13	Pray for those working in the field of electronics. Remembering Thomas Edison pushing aside the veil of darkness to reveal modern electronics. Impact of media channels – TV and radio – for positive effect.
Fri 14	Mass 10.00am Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs 869 Pray for families with more than one child, those with twins and triplets (and so on). Life is more exciting with siblings yet also more complicated. Cyril and Methodius were brothers.
Sat 15	Sigfrid, Bishop, Apostle of Sweden Those who live alone – by choice or through circumstance. Especially those who would wish to share their lives with others.
Sunday 16	Third before Lent Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found Early Worship 9.00am Parish Mass 10.30

If you would like to give regularly to the Church, please set up a standing order to the church account, details below
Parochial Church Council of All Saints
Account No. 65256747
sort code 08 92 99

Gift Aid forms are available from the office
office@allsaintsclifton.org

We are committed to safeguarding children, young people, victims of domestic abuse and vulnerable adults.

If you have any Safeguarding concerns please contact :
 The Parish Safeguarding Officers - Caroline Davenport & Janice Callow at office@allsaintsclifton.org marked for the attention of the Safeguarding Officer.